

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

2002 Asian and Pacific Islander Initiative Action Plan Annual Report

October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002 (FY 2002)

Executive Summary

The most significant accomplishment for the agency in FY 02, was officially becoming the Department of Transportation on May 21, 2002. Prior to that time, we were a division under the Department of Public Works. Since becoming the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), we have identified tasks within the DDOT that we will be implementing in support of the Asian and Pacific Islander Initiative. While we did not develop informational brochures and pamphlets as a division, we have begun developing such for the (new) DDOT. In FY 03, we anticipate having several program publications developed and translated into Korean, Chinese and Vietnamese.

Currently, the DDOT is one of the most ethnically diverse agencies within the District government. We have a sizeable representation of Asian & Pacific Islander employees, as well as employees from the African continent and the Caribbean/West Indies Islands. Our Human Resources staff has begun developing a Diversity Training program for the Department to be implemented in FY 03 for all employees.

In FY 02, we were not officially ready to establish formal partnerships or outreach specifically to the Asian and Pacific Islander communities. However, as the DDOT, we will be making a special effort to communicate with the API community to inform them of the services and programs offered by the DDOT. By the end of FY 02, DDOT will have reached out to the appropriate organizations representing the API communities, and introduced our programs and ourselves.

We believe that as the new Department of Transportation, our Asian and Pacific Islander program efforts will move forward in FY 03.

Introduction

The mission of the Department of Transportation is to provide reliable transportation facilities and services for residents, visitors, commuters and businesses so they can move safely and efficiently, while enhancing quality of life and economic competitiveness.

The Department plans, constructs, operates and maintains the District's transportation infrastructure and the public right of way adjacent to the street system. The Department has five (5) Administrations to fulfill its responsibilities:

- ❑ Transportation Policy & Planning Administration (TPPA)
- ❑ Infrastructure Project Management Administration (IPMA)
- ❑ Traffic Services Administration (TSA)
- ❑ Public Space Management Administration (PSMA)
- ❑ Urban Forestry Administration (UFA)

The services offered by the Department of Transportation include: transportation planning, research & development; administering the school subsidy program; street, bridge, alley & sidewalk construction; traffic signals; traffic operations & safety; curbside management; street and alley lighting; public space permitting, street, bridge, alley & sidewalk maintenance; signs & pavement markings, and tree planting, trimming & removal.

The majority of DDOT services are provided on a scheduled basis. Simply stated, we provide a timeframe with which one can expect our service(s) to be delivered. Attached for you information and use is a copy of the DDOT Schedule of Services. The DDOT has 608 (FTE) employees with an estimated budget of \$190M (local and federal) to carry out its service delivery responsibilities.

Future Plan

We will move forward in FY 03 with an all-out effort to implement an effective API program. It is DDOT's intention in FY 03 to translate its website, thereby eliminating any language barriers to service delivery information. Our operating budget will permit DDOT to fulfill its API program efforts.